

Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 based on statutory double patenting.

By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claim 1 and adds new claims 35-54. Additionally, the specification has been amended to improve form. Applicant submits that new claims 35-54 do not contain new matter.

Applicant notes that although the Examiner rejected claims 1-34 in the Office Action, claims 2-34 were canceled with the continuation application filed on December 15, 2003. In any event, Applicant submits that claims 35-54 will be pending after entry of this Amendment.

In view of new claims 35-54, Applicant submits that the statutory-type double patenting rejection is obviated.

Applicant submits that claims 35-54 are patentable over the prior art of record. The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the features recited in any of claims 35-54.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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